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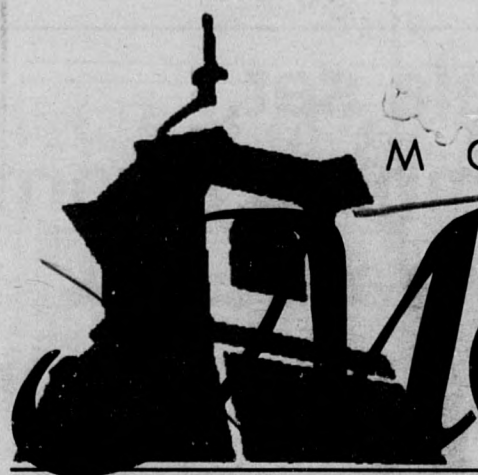
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Cole selected new MSU president

8th president of MSU is the first woman to hold the position

By Kevin P. Hancock

Editor-In-Chief

The Board of Trustees unanimously named Dr. Susan Cole the next president of Montclair State University on Thursday, June 4. Cole, who was selected from a group of five finalists, will begin her term as MSU's first woman, and eighth president overall on September 1.

"We are excited that an educational visionary and dynamic leader of the caliber of Dr. Cole will be Montclair State's

next president," said Murray L. Cole, chairman of the Board of Trustees (BOT). "We are pleased and delighted that our wonderful university and its future well-being will be in such strong, capable hands."

Cole comes to Montclair State from Metropolitan State University in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota where she has served as president since 1993. A former English professor, Cole holds three degrees in English and literature - a B.A. degree from Columbia University's Barnard College and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Brandeis University.

Cole's experience also includes time spent at Rutgers University as Vice-President for

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Montclair State 101

Entering college can be a nervous time for a new student, here are some tips that will help make the transition easier



TIMOTHY M. CASEY/ MONTCLARION

By Kara L. Richardson

Staff Writer

If you haven't had a few sleepless nights about coming to Montclair State University, chances are, you will. Embarking on this new four (or so) year path can be strangely exciting and at the same time dreadfully frightening.

Using the orientation program and your summer can help ease the transition from home to college for you. Many before you have faced the challenge of freshman year and succeeded. You can too.

Use your time wisely here during your orientation. Be the daring one to ask questions and spot out next year's prospects. Use the time between now and September to ease your transition to university life.

Remember there is a whole lot more to college than your classes. Montclair State

hosts a number on campus resources that will aid your personal growth and help you in any number of ways. From Psychological Services in Gilbreth Hall all the way to the Wellness Cen-

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ter in Blanton Hall. Do not wait until senior year to learn about services like the Academic Success Center in Morehead Hall.

Get to know your campus and what it has to offer. It can

be as simple as making mental notes about certain buildings on campus so that you don't get lost on that first day of classes. Stop by the library and learn the systems.

Spend some time over the summer researching the extra curricular activities on campus. The Student Government Association (SGA) is a good place to start. Located in the Student Center, the SGA hosts a plethora of groups, clubs and activities. Whether you want to further your career goals with groups like the Marketing Association or hands-on activities like the campus radio station WMSC-FM or the theatrical organization called Players. There are activities for everyone at Montclair State, with 10,000 other students around you, there is bound to be someone with the same interests.

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Tuition to rise 7.5% for Fall and Spring

MSU cites lack of state funding as cause for rise

By Timothy M. Casey

Photography Editor

Citing a lack of state funding, the Board of Trustees announced an increase in tuition for the 1998-1999 academic year. New Jersey resident undergraduate students will have to pay \$7 more per credit hour to attend classes in September.

The tuition increase was approved at the regularly scheduled Board meeting on June 3. A public session was held earlier that day for a tuition hearing, when a budget presentation was made by Harry Schuckel, execu-

tive director of Budget and Planning.

"The University administration is raising tuition rates with the utmost reluctance," said Schuckel. "That is why we are so aggressively seeking to contain costs throughout the university. We realize that every dollar we can save is a dollar that will not have to come from tuition or fees."

Each credit hour for state resident undergraduates will be \$100.15, beginning with the Fall 1998 semester. Non-resident undergraduate will pay \$154.55 per credit hour, a \$12.65 increase. Graduate student rates for New Jersey residents will rise \$14.20 per credit hour, to \$200.50 while non-residents will

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The Red Hawk Baseball Team ends their season one win short of the national championship with a 16-1 defeat to E. Connecticut. **BACK COVER**



Welcome, from The Montclarion

by Kevin P. Hancock



Attention new students: College goes by fast, be sure to make smart decisions now for your future

Greetings, and on behalf of the staff of *The Montclarion*, I'd like to welcome all new freshmen and transfer students to Montclair State University. Your orientation session marks just the beginning of what is going to be a very exciting time in all of your lives, one that will hopefully be successful, enjoyable and unforgettable for you.

It is a great time to be a student at Montclair State. Just granted university status a few years ago, MSU is quickly gaining respect in the eyes of the region as a growing and solid institution. A degree from MSU will be worth more in four years when many of you will graduate, then it is now. Exciting additions to MSU such as Floyd Hall Arena and Yogi Berra Stadium, are giving students a whole new world of opportunities, from convenient on-campus employment, to the entertainment of minor league baseball and ice skating. I encourage you all to take advantage of what this university has to offer, and to do so quickly. The ride will be over before you know it.

I cannot stress enough how fast your time here at MSU will go by. It seems like just yesterday that I was standing where you are today, staying in Blanton Hall during New Student Orientation, being simply overwhelmed by the incredible number of new people I was meeting in such a short period time. Now suddenly, entering my fourth year at MSU. I'm already thinking about graduation, and where I will go after I leave this place. Trust me, it may seem far off but soon enough you will be in my shoes just as I was in yours, preparing for your next big step in life.

Entering college is an exciting experience, but it can also be a scary one. It is a whole new world that offers a large number of new opportunities for you to take advantage of, but also many pitfalls for you to hopefully avoid. It is essentially important for you as a new student to start making smart decisions now for your future, for your future will be here before you know it.

It can be easy to fail at your venture into college, especially during your freshman year when many distractions can cause you to lose your focus on what is important. However, it can be just as easy to succeed. The key to that success is to - of course work hard, but also to get involved early with the many things that MSU has to offer students, especially its fine student organizations.

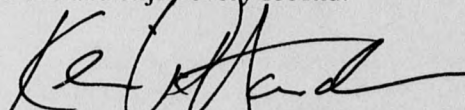
Take time during your orientation here to investi-

gate and learn more about the organizations charted under the Student Government Association. If you have an interest, you are sure to find others who share that same interest in the form of clubs, groups, fraternities and sororities. Getting involved has many benefits. It can help you find your focus, develop leadership skills, make friends and meet important contacts that will be valuable to you in the future. Your college education will not only come from what you learn in your classes, but will also be an education in life, received outside of the classroom. The value of what you learn by getting involved in extracurricular activities cannot truly be measured. I highly recommend giving the Student Government Association and its student organizations a close look as you evaluate your priorities here at MSU.

Of course I'd be lying if I said I was not particularly biased towards my own organization. *The Montclarion* provides a valuable learning experience for any student, and our doors are always open for new interested and motivated members. If you are not interested in journalism, I hope that as a student of Montclair State you will get involved with what goes on at MSU by regularly reading *The Montclarion*. It is extremely important as a student to be edu-

cated in what is taking place in your surroundings, and what is effecting your life at MSU. Knowledge is power, and if the students are educated in what is effecting them, then the students will have the power to do something about it. We are dedicated to being "The Students' Voice," and acting as a watchdog for your needs as a student, and we hope that you will take advantage of that. You can pick up *The Montclarion* every Thursday afternoon during the Fall and Spring semesters at most buildings on campus. Our staff members are very accessible, and can be found scurrying about in room 113 of the Student Center Annex throughout the year.

I sincerely hope that you enjoy the rest of your New Student Orientation, use this time to your advantage to learn all you can about your future surroundings, and savor this exciting period in your life. As I said, life is going to start moving pretty fast for you, make sure you use and enjoy every second.


Kevin P. Hancock, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Goals set, members sworn in at rare SGA summer session

By Kevin P. Hancock

Editor-In-Chief

The Student Government Association swore in nine new legislators and five new cabinet members and announced some goals for the organization in a rare summer legislative meeting on Monday, June 8 in the Student Center Commuter Lounge.

New SGA president Anton Wheeler said the executive board was looking to "include the legislature as early in the process as possible," with this legislative meeting. There are no more legislative meetings planned for the summer semester, but are still a possibility, said the SGA. Regular legislative meetings begin at the beginning of the Fall semester in September.

The SGA's main order of business at the meeting was to swear in the new legislators and cabinet members. Jamie Ruffilo

was approved by the legislature as the new Director of Greek Affairs, Besim Bruncaji - Director of Class II's and III's, Ron Rinaldi - Director of Public Relations, Thomas Wischmann - Director of Services and Angela Otchere - Director of Residence Life, were also approved by the legislature.

The newly elected SGA executive board officially took office on June 1, and they used this meeting to announce some goals and set a tone for the upcoming year.

"I'm looking to accomplish great things this semester, because there is no goal unattainable. It is up to us to make the possible a reality in action and the seemingly impossible a glowing possibility," said Wheeler.

Wheeler also spoke of creating a more "professional atmosphere" in the SGA office by changing its appearance, and a plan to raise money outside of the SGA allotted budget to renovate the Student Center Annex

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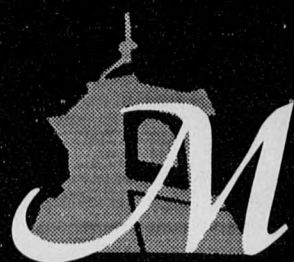
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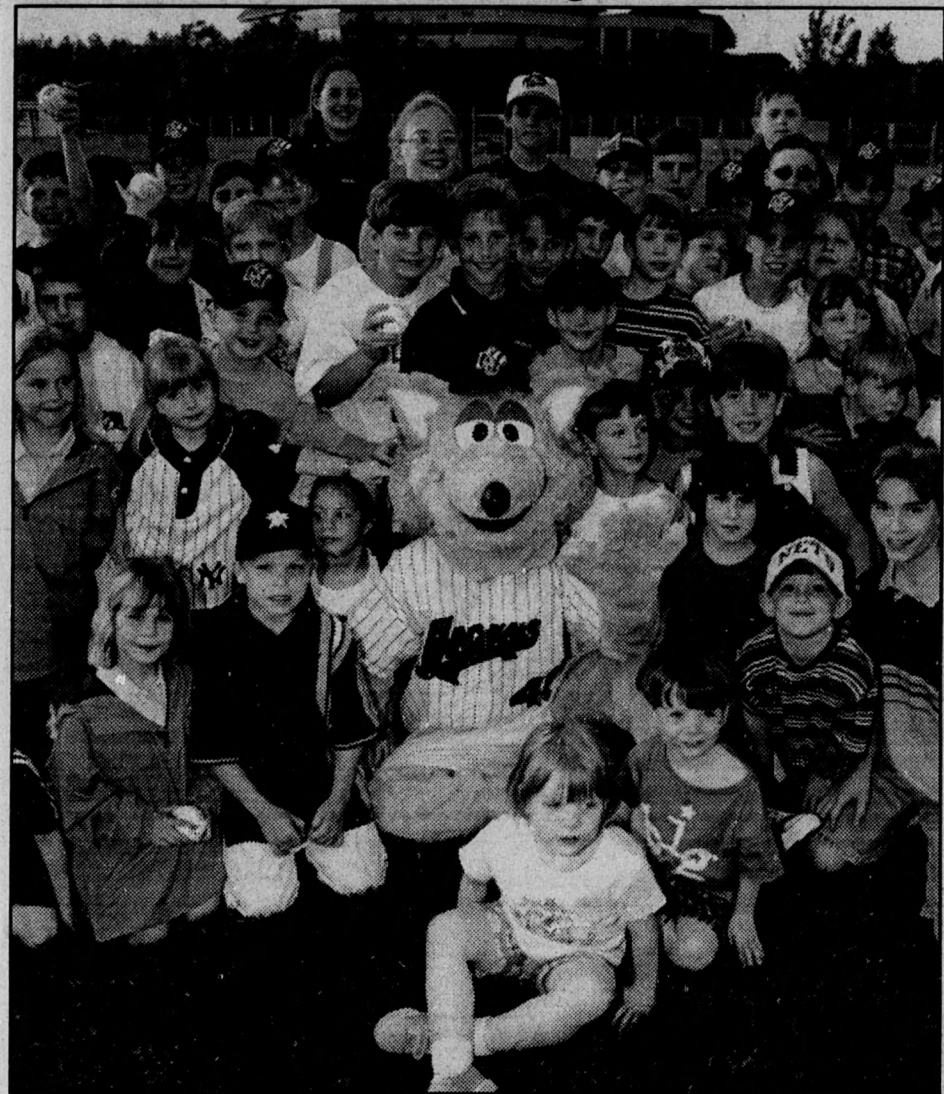


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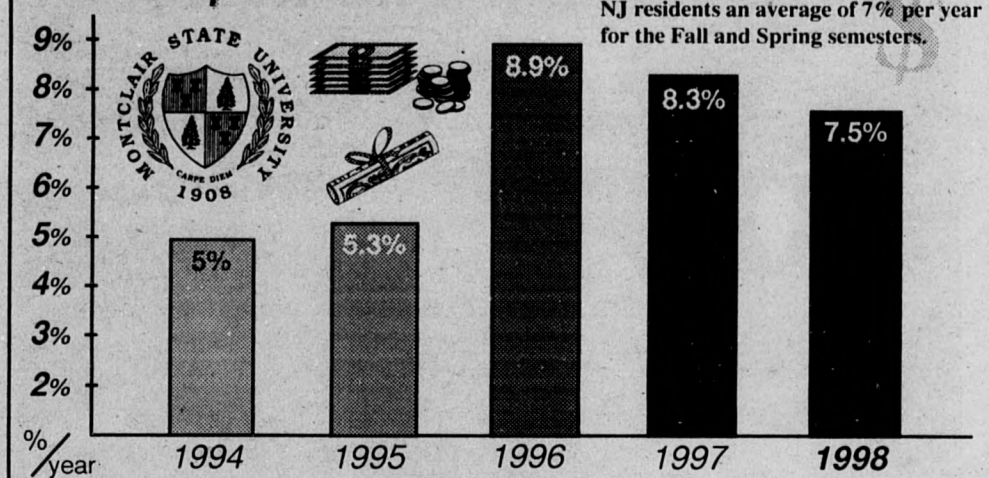
A hit with the fans



TIMOTHY M. CASEY/MONTCLARION

MAJOR LEAGUE FUN: The New Jersey Jackals have begun their season at Yogi Berra Stadium. The minor league baseball environment has attracted many families and MSU students. These fans got a chance to meet the mascot, Jack the Jackal, at an open house.

7% improvement?



The last 5 years have seen the tuition at Montclair State rise for undergraduate NJ residents an average of 7% per year for the Fall and Spring semesters.

*source- MSU Dept. of Budget and Finance

Tuition to rise 7.5% for Fall and Spring; MSU blames Trenton

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pay \$257.35 per credit hour, a \$21.25 increase.

Schuckel explained that the tuition increase was necessary to offset a \$1.8 million budget shortfall caused by a drop in state funding. "We share the concerns of our students and their parents about the escalating cost of a college education," Schuckel said. "We continued to hope that our state funding would be restored to appropriate levels, which would have allowed us to keep our tuition increases to a minimum."

Interim President Gregory Waters pointed out that "underfunding is a major problem," and efforts will continue to raise moneys from sources other than tuition, such as capital fund drives.

Vitaly Satanovsky, the student representative to the board, commented "I hold the views of students regarding tuition. As a trustee, I have seen how lack of state funding leads to increases in tuition demands."

Schuckel noted that the new tuition structure doesn't simply address the budgetary shortfall, but is crucial if MSU is going to maintain its academic excellence. "Our balanced budget proposals address critical institutional needs," he said, "including program improvements and enhancement of student services. This bud-

get will allow MSU to improve and prosper while being as fiscally sensitive as possible."

Schuckel noted that a survey of other public institutions statewide revealed that MSU tuition hikes were "near the bottom of the spectrum. Other schools are implementing tuition increases of up to 14 percent. We feel that we offer a comprehensiveness of choice at extremely affordable tuition levels."

In addition to tuition prices increasing, housing rates, meal plan rates, and student fees were inflated. Housing rates at MSU will increase between \$77 an \$89, with new rates ranging from \$1,990 to \$2,308 per semester. Meal plan rates, required for on-campus residents, will

increase between \$68 and \$70, with new rates ranging from \$911 for the 14 meals-per-week plan to \$986 for the 19 meals-per-week plan. New block meal plans were introduced, a 300 meals-per-semester plan will cost \$1,004, 225 meals will cost \$932, 150 meals will cost \$865, and 50 meals will cost \$328.

A new Computer Technology fee of \$3 per credit hour was approved. "This fee will help defray the costs of providing unlimited Internet access for all students as well as providing improved sup-

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- Harry Schuckel,
Executive Director of
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SGA sets tone for year in rare summer legislative meeting

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office.

Treasurer Kenyatta Montgomery announced that new revised financial policies were to be distributed to SGA organizations, and Secretary David Pizzi presented the legislature with some SGA 1998 theme ideas to consider.

Also present at the meeting were Dean Matusow-Ayres, Director of Student

Activities Chuck Finer and Dean Harris who announced that a new full-time Greek advisor would be soon hired by the university. Representatives from other SGA chartered organizations were present and had the chance to introduce themselves and explain their organization to the gallery.

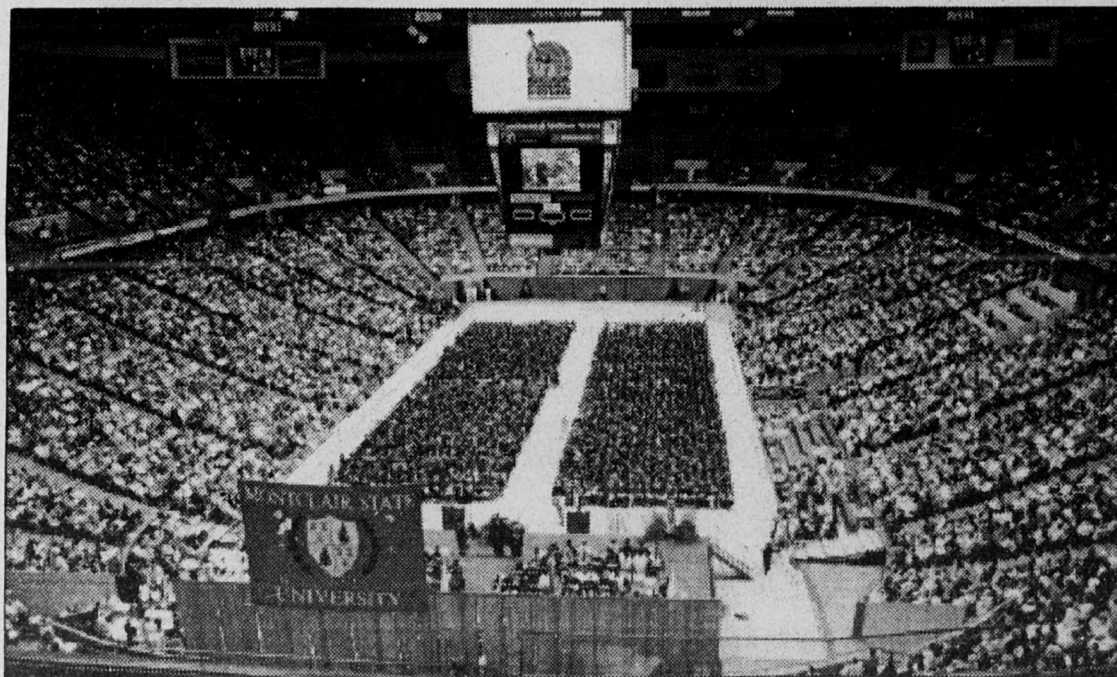
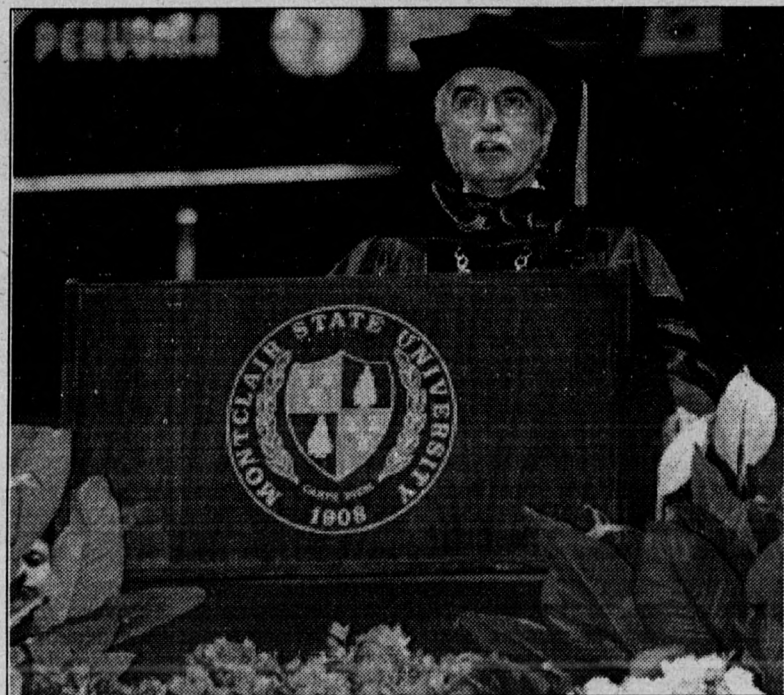
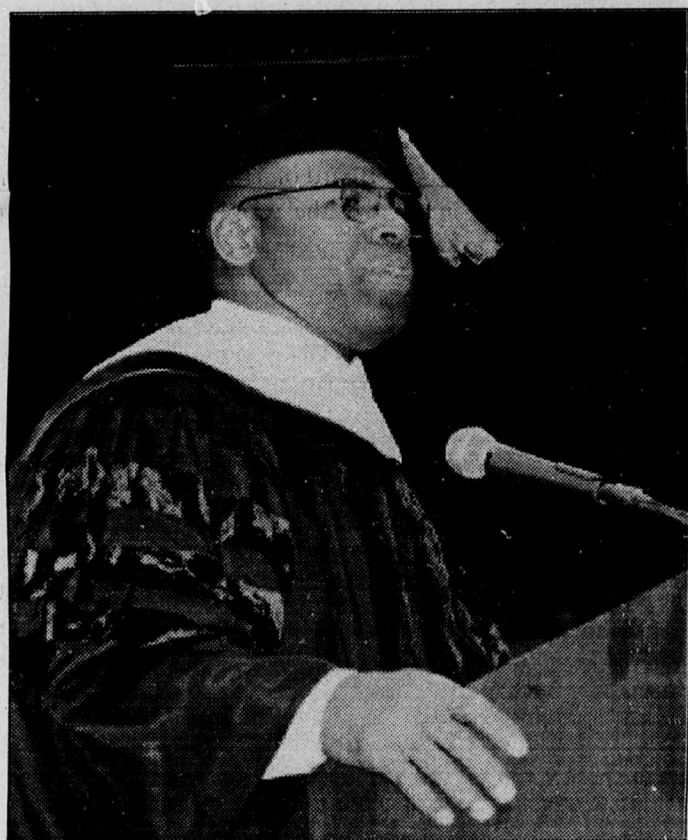
Any more summer legislative sessions will be announced beforehand, said the SGA.



Class of 1998

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Continental Airlines Arena - May 15, 1998



(Clockwise from top left): Interim President Dr. Gregory Waters and William Wimberly, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees, present MSU Alumnus and former NFL player Sam Mills with his honorary degree; members of the Business department celebrate after having their degrees presented; the MSU band livens things up with some commencement music; Dr. Waters gives his welcoming commencement address; Commencement '98 - from above; Mills addresses the class of '98; more excited students officially receiving their degrees; Senior class speaker Ann Funicelli gives some motivational words for the Montclair State University Class of 1998.

All photos by Timothy M. Casey/Montclarion

Cole selected 8th president of MSU, first woman to hold position

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University Administration and Personnel from 1980 to 1992. She began her professional career at the City University of New York in 1968 as an assistant professor of English.

The university administration is hailing Cole as an extraordinary leader and innovator. She left her mark at Metropolitan State by instituting 22 new baccalaureate degrees and several master's programs to the curriculum. She will get her chance to make her mark on Montclair State on September 1, when she officially takes office.

Cole was one of five finalists selected from approximately one hundred applicants by a search committee that included faculty, administrators, alumni, graduate, and undergraduate students, and professional staff members and members of the BOT. The BOT then selected Cole from the five finalists presented to them by the search committee.

Student Government Association President Anton Wheeler, who was a member of that Presidential Search Committee is confident that the Trustees have made a fine choice in Dr. Cole.

"Will she be good for students? Without a doubt. I think she sees that as her job - student interaction and student involvement," said Wheeler. "It is my job to have the president of the university adhere to students' problems with expedience and sincerity. With Dr. Cole, I will definitely have that outlet."

Wheeler also said that he felt that Cole's prior experience in the New Jersey state collegiate system and her close ties to the area helped her win the position.

While many are excited about the choice, not all are willing to sing Cole's praises just yet.

"No candidate is perfect. I'm sure that there are some things that Dr. Cole



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DR. SUSAN COLE

and I will disagree on," said Political Science major John Brost, who was also a member of the Presidential Search Committee. "We'll just have to see what course of action she takes and evaluate her based upon that."

Cole will be replacing interim president Dr. Gregory Waters who held the position in place of former president Dr. Irvin Reid who left MSU for Wayne State University in Detroit last October. Dr. Waters will be returning to his former position as Deputy Provost and Vice-President for Institutional Advancement.

Other presidential finalists included - Dr. Ronald Crutcher from the University of Texas, Dr. Murry DePillars of Chicago State University, Dr. Barbara Gitenstein of Drake University and Dr. Myron S. Henry of Kent State University.

Cole, 56, was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY. She is married and has two children. Her husband David is an artist. Her daughter Alexa recently completed law school and her son Simon is a post-doctoral fellow at Rutgers.

Learning the ins and outs of MSU quickly can ease the transition here

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Like sports? Call coaches over the summer to learn the practice schedules and expectations in the year ahead. The summer is a great time to get in shape for the year ahead. Don't forget to check out intramural sports, club teams and the Fitness Center. Athletics are a great way to meet new people and to avoid the dreaded Freshman 15!

Call or meet with your academic advisor or other MSU personnel when a question arrives. The first of the year is an extremely busy time for academic offices. Getting into positive academic habits from the start will help you in the long run. You could even get a jump on some of your reading while enjoying your last days of basking on the shore.

Try to contact your new roommate to plan what you need to feel comfortable in your new abode. That first communication can eliminate problems from the start such as showing up to campus with two VCR's and no TV! It is also a great time to get to know your roommate a little before you are both stuck in the same room together.

Once you know what is on your shopping list for your home away from home, scope out the sales. Consolidate things like pictures into a collage frame. Pack elements of what is uniquely you, but not enough to furnish an entire room.

Taking a sensible approach to your college career can help you with the transition and calm your nerves!

%'s Translated Into \$'s

Here's how much more you'll have to pay due to the 7.5% tuition increase.

Fall and Spring Semesters	What you paid last year (FY98)	What you are paying next year (FY99)	Dollar Increase
<u>Undergraduate Students (NJ residents/per credit hour):</u>			
	\$93.15	\$100.15	\$7.00
<u>Student Fees (per credit hour):</u>			
	\$65.98	\$70.40	\$4.42
<u>Housing Rates (per semester - double room, residence halls):</u>			
	\$1,913.00	\$1,990.00	\$77.00
<u>Housing, per semester - Russ Hall or Clove Road:</u>			
	\$2,114.00	\$2,199.00	\$85.00
<u>Meal Plan Rates (19 Meals per week - 218 Meal Days):</u>			
	\$916.00	\$986.00	\$70.00
<u>One student - Undergraduate, NJ resident, 15 credits per semester, living in a double occupancy residence hall room, 19 meal-per-week plan:</u>			
	\$9,416.90/ year	\$9,849.00/ year	\$432.10/ year

*source- MSU BOT minutes

Tuition goes up, again

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port for computer laboratories," Schuckel said. "It will also permit expansion of our computer training programs and a 24-hour Helpline. This type of fee has long been assessed at most of our peer institutions."

Undergraduate fees will increase \$4.17 per credit hour, including increases in the General Service Fee (\$0.25), Athletic Fee (\$0.17), Student Union Building Fee (\$0.25), Facilities Fee (\$0.50) and newly added Computer Technology Fee (\$3.00). The \$35.00 flat-rate Parking Fee will remain the same. The total cost of all fees will be \$28.60 per credit hour.

It will now cost \$9,849.50 for a New Jersey resident, undergraduate student to attend MSU, taking 15 credits per semester, living in a double occupancy residence hall room, receiving the 19 meal-per-week plan, and a parking permit for the 1998-1999 academic year, including fees and tuition costs. This does not include textbook costs or other course-specific fees.

Dr. Bonnie Lustigman, a representative of the MSU teachers union (AFT 1904), spoke before the board during the

hearing. "MSU provides an opportunity for first generation students to receive an education. By increasing fees, we are denying would-be students that opportunity. Ninety percent of MSU students are employed. They come to class exhausted after working late hours," said Lustigman. "We do a disservice, and separate ourselves from our mission by increasing tuition."

Waters and Murray Cole, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, both stated they recognize the problem of increasing tuition. "We are fully cognizant of the need to remain accessible," said Cole.

SGA President Anton Wheeler spoke before the board, indicating that voter registration is not promoted or stressed throughout campus. "Students are not informed as to what they can do to prevent tuition increases."

Cole added that no university monies were used in the recent construction of Floyd Hall Arena and Yogi Berra Stadium, after a student expressed her concerns to the Board. Both construction projects were fully funded by private contributors.



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Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Murray L. Cole (L) and V.P. for Budget and Planning Harry Schuckel (R) speaking at the BOT meeting where the tuition hike was approved.

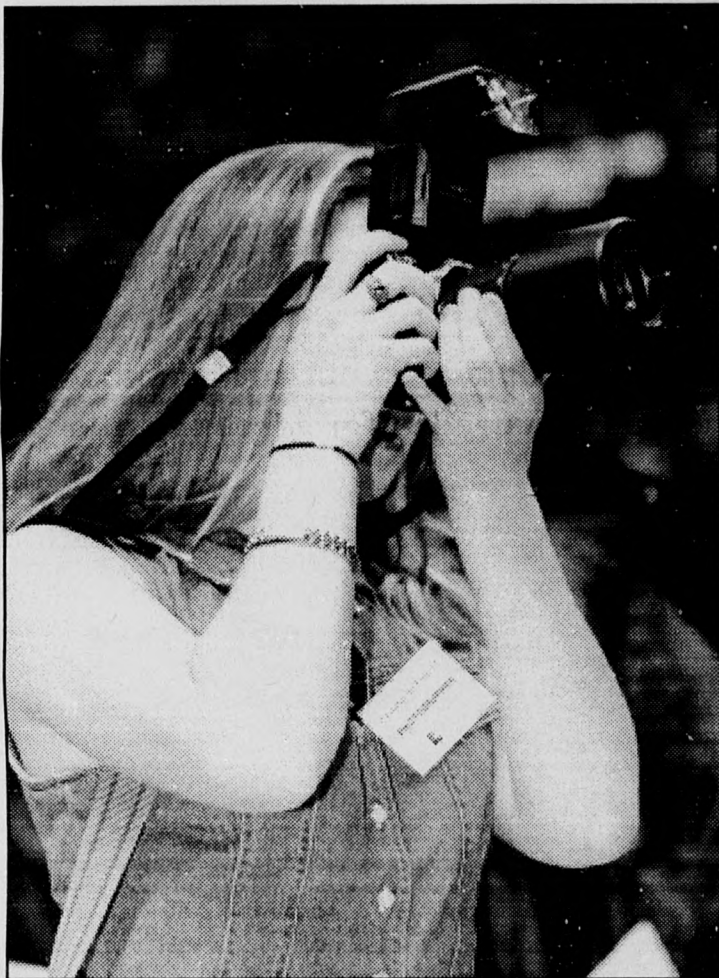
Q: You've finally arrived at Montclair State University, now where do you go from here?



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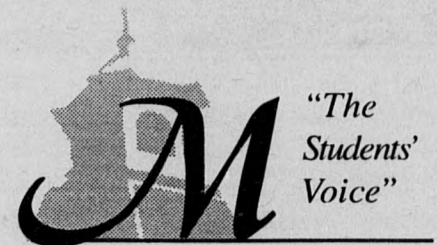


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For 70 years, *The Montclarion* has been on the front lines of all the action at MSU, keeping the campus abreast of the latest events and activities that effect your lives as students. Entirely student-run, *The Montclarion* is dedicated to giving the student body a voice at Montclair State, serving as a watchdog for your student values and looking out for the average student's needs and interests. Throughout the year you can find coverage, analysis, and opinions on current issues, topics and events, from the actions of the university administration and Student Government, to reviews of the latest concerts and MSU sports.

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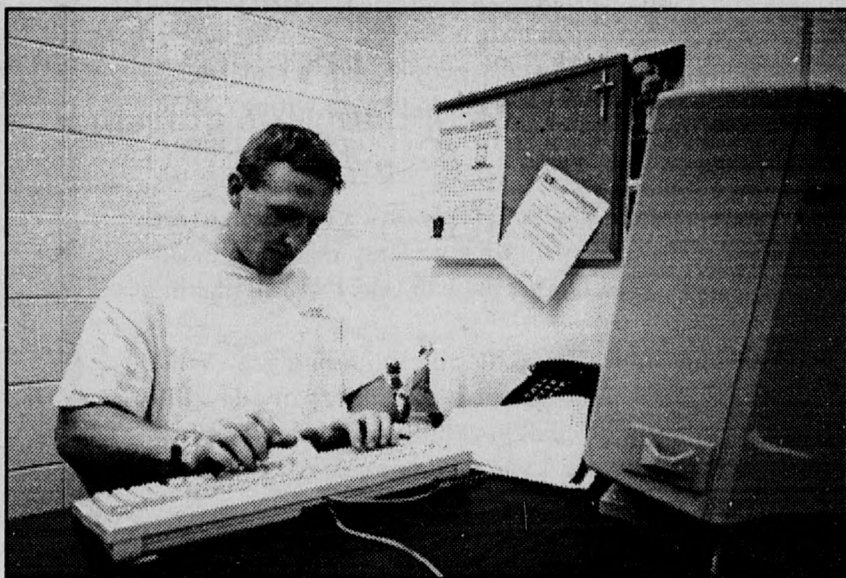
The Montclarion is a Class One Organization of the Student Government Association, Inc. and is operated in part by student fees collected by the SGA. Our staff is entirely composed of undergraduate MSU students, and operates independently of the administration and of the SGA. We are a proud organization, preparing to celebrate our 70th year of service to the Montclair State community. Originally named *The Pelican*, the paper was first published in November of 1928, and has been a staple at MSU ever since. Growing at a tremendous rate, *The Montclarion's* arms are always open to new hard-working students who share our vision, and willingness to serve the students of Montclair State.



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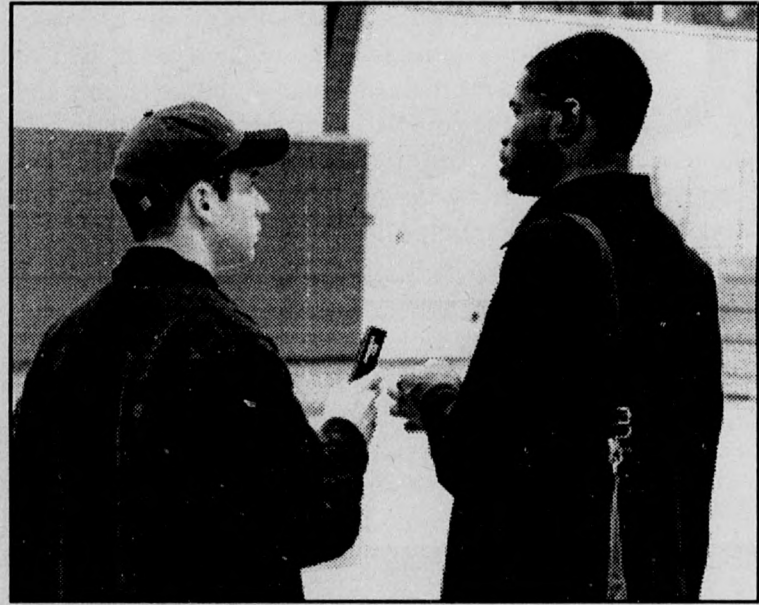
WHY JOIN?

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A message for all new students on how to succeed in college and in life

One of the most challenging tasks to endure is to truly figure out who you are. Too often we rely on the beliefs of others to determine the character for which we stand. Although corrective criticism and other's opinions are indeed helpful, living in the shadows of them can lead to your destruction. In this world, we tend to thrive on acceptance and fitting into the mainstream. All of that is fine, until one considers what acceptance has to do with being an individual. For the purpose of my self-preservation, I often ponder the following quote. "Criticism of you isn't the truth, it's just someone's opinion." The aforementioned phrase rests beneath my picture in my high school yearbook and forever in my mind. It simply allows me to be the April Walker that I know, not the April I should be according to society. My many experiences at Montclair State University allow me to stand by those words every single day.

With bright eyed innocence and fragility, I made the decision to enter Montclair State University. It wasn't too far away from my beloved home and family. It wasn't too big or too small. It was, however, the place for me. My timid nature and sometimes dry humor mixed well with the tranquillity and ease of MSU. I'll never forget my first day of school. Although the class began at 3:00 p.m., I decided to arrive at about 2:05 p.m., just to be sure. Indeed, I was on time, maybe a little too punctual. For a minute, I thought I was waiting for the wrong class to begin. After checking my watch fifty times, it still wasn't 3:00 p.m. yet. Suddenly, I began to wonder if attending college was something I chose to do individually or something that fit the criteria of other's expectations.

However, after I entered my first class and many more to follow, I found the college experience to be truly rewarding and self-fulfilling. Never did I explore the opportunity to bellow my opinions across a piece of paper, visit the Metropolitan Opera House, The Frick Collection and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for an orientation conference. Who would have thought that I'd be a Spanish Tutor in Tutorial Services, be on the Academic Dean's List for three consecutive semesters and the recipient of awards in academic excellence? It's not that I didn't think I could reach these heights, it's just that if I rested too heavily on others to justify my self-worth, this all might not have taken place.

The following words are just a sample of the many comments I've endured. "April, you're nice, but being that shy will only hurt you in the long run." "What's wrong with that girl, why doesn't she say anything?" "You'd be all right if you would just say a little more." "You're young, express yourself." "If I were you..." There was a time when comments like that would really scar me, but now they are actually humorous. Who are others to judge me? In all honesty, I'm pleased with my accomplishments and I know that I have a long way to go before reaching the top.

Truthfully speaking, I've found great peace and comfort with myself, Montclair State University and its tremendous faculty and staff. However, I've made only one place besides the library my home. That place is the Office of New Student Experience. During the summer of 1997, I had the splendid opportunity to work as an Orientation Workshop Leader (O.W.L.). The whole idea of filling the position was both fascinating and terrifying. Directing myself in the right direction wasn't a problem, but the thought of directing others was a mental obstacle.

"What do I do if they don't like me? What if I'm not the right person for the job?" However, the only way to answer those questions was to do the job. Every student I endured didn't like me and accepting that reality has helped me grow as a person. Every game I played with the students wasn't an overwhelming success, but the idea is that I learned from my mistakes.

During my first day on the job, in my crisp white shirt, I experienced rejection from about twenty people. For a long time, I pondered what to do as an ice breaker. Finally, I decided to distribute candy to the new students. How could that go wrong? Well, I sort of purchased an abundance of this cheap sour candy that was basically thrown back in my face. However, for the next time, I decided to put a bit more thought and money into my selection.

Rejection hurts, but it's good. How else are you supposed to learn. At the time, it was traumatizing, but it's hilarious to me now. As I became more comfortable with my position, my success also flourished. Instead of throwing candy in my face, my students placed cards of appreciation. It took a great deal of dedication and commitment to reach that plateau, and I'm still making the sky my limit to success.

Not being the most outgoing individual, this position enabled me to boost my communication skills and self assurance. What makes me the most pleased, though, is that I helped others while helping myself. To make one person's day makes my day. To enable one person to make a positive change enable me to feel positive about myself. Never before did I exhibit such leadership and a pride in what I was doing. To see young adults not much younger than myself adhering to what I was saying made my role as an O.W.L. invaluable. I wouldn't trade the experience for any other, except for one.

During the summer of 1998, I will have the privilege to work as a Super Orientation Workshop Leader. Although this position holds an equal importance to that of an O.W.L., it's quite different. Instead of leading a group of new students, I will lead the O.W.L.s in that challenging task. It will be my opportunity to give back what New Student Orientation gave to me. The apprehension that I once had in successfully accomplishing the position can be someone else's boost of encouragement. I'll never be hesitant to admit my mistakes and trust that this honesty aids in the guidance of others. Together, New Student Orientation's 1998 O.W.L.s and myself will partake in a journey of learning, leadership and success.

To prepare myself for the journey, I've worked in the Office of New Student Experience for the school year and during the entire summer. Much planning and preparation goes into the creation of a successful orientation. Daily, I speak with concerned parents, incoming freshmen and transfer students as they schedule for orientation. To finally see their faces will truly be rewarding.

The role of Super O.W.L. has enabled me to view both the behind the scenes process and actual production of New Student Orientation. Simply said, a lot goes into the making of this division of campus. I'm proud to be an active participant, for when you think about it, N.S.O.'s purpose is invaluable. A student's first in-depth encounter with MSU will take place during orientation. Under the guidance and leadership of my mentor, supervisor and friend, Dr. Felicia E. McGinty, I'm proud to do this job. After a full day's work in her office, there's no question that I have a purpose on this campus.

April Walker, *Super O.W.L., New Student Experience*

Baseball misses title by one victory

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secutive RBI singles by Shawn McCorkle and Frank Francia cutting the Warrior lead to 7-3. However, it was not enough as the powerful Warrior offense added four more runs in the top of the ninth to give Eastern an 11-4 victory.

Montclair State 6, Aurora University 5 - Sophomore designated hitter Frank Francia laced a one-out single over a drawn-in infield to score the tying and go-ahead runs in the seventh inning, and MSU rode the relief pitching of freshman Steve Trongone for a thrilling 6-5 victory over Aurora on Tuesday, May 26. The Hawks rallied from a 5-3 deficit in the 7th inning to take the lead on Francia's single and a double by Shawn McCorkle that cut the deficit to one. Trongone, who came on with one out in the 6th gave up three straight hits to lose MSU's 3-1 lead, but then settled down to hold on to a 6-5 victory for Montclair. The win kept MSU alive in the tournament, sending them to a re-match with Cortland State who they had defeated earlier, to see who would get to play Eastern Connecticut in the championship game.

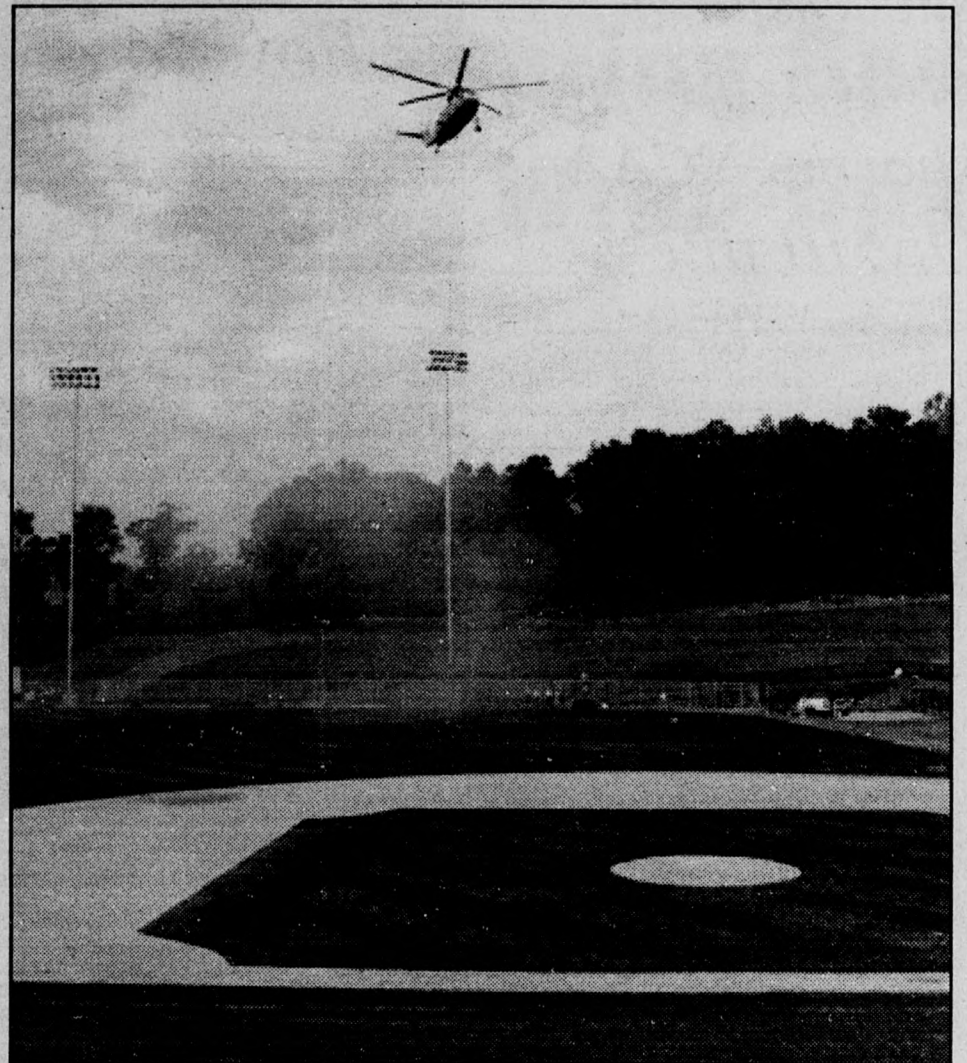
Montclair State 5, Cortland State 2 - Sophomore Frank Francia continued his hot hitting by going 2-3 with an RBI, and A.J. Economou won his second game of the tournament to lead the Red Hawks

over Cortland State 5-2 in the semi-final match-up. Montclair led the whole way in this one, taking a 4-0 lead in the top of the forth. Freshman Craig Conway tripled in that inning to score Dan Wydner for a 2-0 lead. Shawn McCorkle then followed with an RBI single for a 3-0 lead, and a sacrifice fly by Alex Bosch scored a forth run. Cortland came back with 2 runs in the seventh, but MSU held them off to advance to the NCAA Division III championship game against Eastern Connecticut.

Eastern Connecticut 16, Montclair State 1 - After playing so well, MSU was stunned by a crushing defeat, again at the hands of Eastern Connecticut. Eastern catcher Anthony Formato began the rout with a sac fly to center in the third inning to give the Warriors a 1-0 lead. From there they never looked back, scoring five runs in the forth, four in the fifth and two runs each in the sixth, eighth and ninth innings. Starting pitcher Scott Allan was chased after 3 and two-thirds innings of work, suffering his second loss of the tournament.

Despite the defeat, Montclair's impressive World Series showing earned three Red Hawks 1998 NCAA Division III Baseball Championships All-Tournament team honors. They were, Shawn McCorkle at first base, Dan Wydner, outfield, and Frank Francia, DH.

So that's how they do that...



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LET THERE BE LIGHT: Helicopters air lift in and set the light structures for Yogi Berra Stadium on Friday, May 27, just before the Jackals first game at the new park.

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Welcome Week 1998 - Sunday Aug. 30 to Tuesday Sept. 1

Time	Event	Place	Time	Event	Place	Time	Event	Place
DAY ONE - Aug. 30			10:15 - 11:15 am.	Nuts and Bolts of Academic Life (With Freshman Counselors)	Various Locations	9:30 - 10:30 am.	Welcome/Opening Session	Tent
10 am. - 5 pm.	Freshmen Check-In to Residence Halls		11:30 - 12:30 am.	Interest Sessions	Various Locations		Ron Gilbert & SGA	
5:30 - 6:30 pm.	Dinner	Blanton Cafe	12:30 - 1:00 pm.	Student Services Expo	SC Quad	10:45 - 11:45 am.	Student Panel	Tent
6:30 - 7:30 pm.	Fire & Safety Prevention Education		1:00 - 2:30 pm.	Lunch Barbecue	SC Quad		(O.W.L.s discuss top 10's here at MSU)	
7:30 - 8:30 pm.	Community Floor Meeting w/RA's			with Games & Entertainment		12:00 - 1:00 pm.	Lunch	Blanton Cafe
8:30 - 12:00 am.	Video Dance Party	Blanton Quad	2:30 - 4:30 pm.	Rotating Sessions	Various Locations	1:00 - 2:30 pm.	Rotating Sessions	Various Locations
	(Sponsored by NSE, SGA & Residence Life)		4:30 - 8:00 pm.	Dinner & Free Time	Blanton Quad	2:45 - 4:15 pm.	Interest Sessions	Various Locations
DAY TWO - Aug. 31			8:00 - 12:00 am.	Hypnotist, Casino Night	Blanton Quad	4:30 - 6:00 pm.	Student Activities Expo	Blanton Quad
8:00 - 9:00 am.	Breakfast	Blanton Cafe	DAY THREE - Sept. 1				with Games & Entertainment	
9:30 - 10:00 am.	Welcome & Overview	SC Ballrooms	8:00 - 9:00 am.	Breakfast	Blanton Cafe	6:00 - 8:00 pm.	Dinner Barbecue	Blanton Quad
	Ron Gilbert & SGA					8:00 - 12:00 am.	Closing Activities	

Don't forget to check out all the Welcome Week 1998 events when you arrive on campus in the fall! Cut out this schedule and hold on to it so you know when and where everything is going on!

On Thursday, July 23, 1998 the Latin American Student Organization (L.A.S.O.)

would like to invite all E.O.F., H.C.P. and other new students to our annual fun filled-dance-till-you drop cultural event

"LA CENA."

Come out and join us for an evening of education, dinner, fun and dancing.

For more information contact the L.A.S.O. office at (973) 655-4440.

Baseball finishes successful season one win short of NCAA Div. III title

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There would have been one more title added to that list, however they just could not get past Eastern Connecticut State who defeated them twice in the double-elimination World Series tournament by a combined score of 27-5.

Eastern Connecticut senior center fielder Steve Rembisz went 4-5 with four RBI's and catcher Anthony Formato went 2-3 adding three RBI's leading their team to a crushing defeat over MSU. All told, the Hawks gave up 18 hits, including seven doubles in the loss. MSU's starter, Scott Allan took the defeat which was his second of the tournament, both coming at the hands of Eastern Connecticut.

The win gave Eastern Connecticut its second national title in its history, the last one coming in 1990 for the Warriors. The championship game was the third all time for the Red Hawks, having won its two previous title-game appearances in 1987 and 1993. The loss was the worst MSU has ever suffered in the 107 NCAA post-season games it has played, and its worst loss in what was otherwise a spectacular season.

MSU ends the year with a 35-11-1 record, winning the NJAC championship with a 14-4-0 record in the conference.

The Red Hawks swept through the Mid-Atlantic Regional Tournament, earning a spot in the NCAA World Series by defeating their four opponents by a combined score of 38-11. Winning the Mid-Atlantic championship continued MSU's



The Red Hawks celebrate following a win during the Mid-Atlantic Regional Tournament.

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history of post-season excellence, claiming their 10th Regional title in the last 23 years. By the time Rowan, Allentown and The College of New Jersey, who they defeated twice, knew what hit them, MSU was off to Salem, Virginia for their tenth appearance in the division III World Series.

Leading the way there was MSU first baseman Shawn McCorkle who led all hitters in the Mid-Atlantic Tournament with a .533 average. He was named to the All-Tournament team along with other Red Hawks - E.J. Sebelle and Lou Finamore. Pitcher Chris Keelin recorded two victories for MSU in the tourney.

At the World Series MSU played six

games, putting up a record of 4-2 in the double elimination tournament. Their first match-up came against South Region Champion, North Carolina Wesleyan, a game MSU won by a score of 8-3.

Montclair State 4, Cortland State 2 - Montclair State won its 10th game in a row overall, and second in a row at the World Series by downing the Cortland State Red Dragons in a game that was postponed by rain on May 24, and finished on the morning of May 25. Nevertheless, the Red Hawks won on the strength of Freshman All-American Craig Conway's game winning RBI single which gave the Hawks a 3-2 lead in the third inning that would hold up, snapping Cortland's nation-leading 25-game win streak.

Eastern Connecticut State 11, Montclair State 4 - Senior right fielder Jon Gersz was 4-5 with two RBI's and a home run for Eastern Connecticut State University, putting the Warriors into the driver's seat of the World Series with a convincing 11-4 victory over the Red Hawks. The victory left Eastern the only undefeated team left in the tournament at 3-0 and sent MSU to an elimination round match-up with Aurora University of Illinois. Eastern pounded MSU starter Scott Allan in the third inning to the tune of six runs on six hits, sending 10 men to the plate giving the Warriors a commanding 7-0 lead. The Red Hawks battled back in the bottom half of the third behind con-

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Junior Shawn McCorkle drafted in 7th round by Seattle Mariners; second highest MSU pick ever

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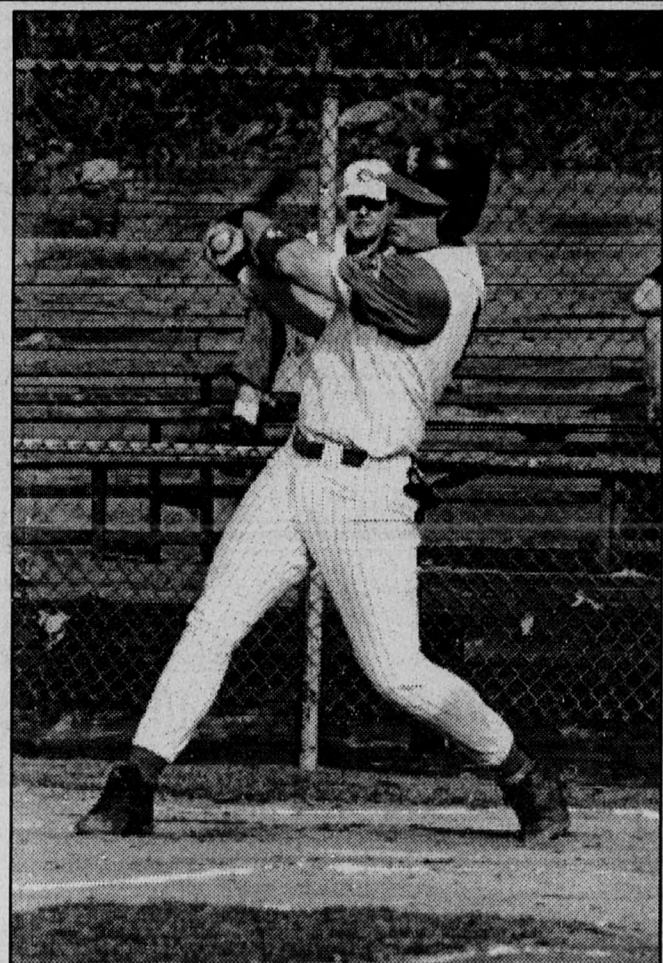
power hitter. McCorkle is quick to point out however, that he will have to hear what the Mariners have to say before signing anything.

"I'll meet with him either tomorrow or Thursday with my parents," he said, "and we'll make a decision from there. Right now, I'm just answering a lot of phone calls and getting a lot of congratulations. This has been a real exciting day for me."

Head Montclair coach Norm Schoenig was really excited for his first baseman. "That is an excellent round for Shawn," said the coach who took MSU to a second-place finish this year at the Division III World Series. "He is truly an outstanding individual from an outstanding family and I'm proud of what he has done, and has meant to our program here at Montclair."

McCorkle ended his junior year with 14 home runs, a career-best, and 54 RBI's. He also batted a career best .414 with 17 doubles and a .771 slugging percentage. If he decides to forgo his senior year, he will have his name in the MSU record books with 32 home runs - 3rd best, 158 RBI's - 5th best, and 43 doubles - 3rd best. McCorkle is also the fifth MSU junior to be drafted since 1991.

MSU's Shawn McCorkle, who helped power the Red Hawks offense through the NCAA Division III World Series. McCorkle's been drafted in the 7th round by the Seattle Mariners but can still opt to stay at MSU for his senior year.



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Track's Jones breaks NCAA hurdles record

Al Langer

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Freshman printer Melissa Jones (Paterson) broke the NCAA 100m hurdles record with a 13.91 finish en route to joining sophomore teammate Janice Brenner (Monroe) in earning All-American status at the NCAA 1998 Outdoor Track and

record breaking time in the semi-final race to break the 13.97 finish previously set by defending champion Bridget Concord of Christopher Newport University, VA.

In the much anticipated final race, Concord came out ahead of Jones setting a new mark of 13.60 while Jones finished in 13.69 for second place and a qualifying time for the Junior National team.

Teammate Brenner finished the 100m hurdles in 14.50 to place sixth and earn her first All-American award while Jones' performance made her the first Montclair State athlete to be a three time All-American all in the same year having been awarded with the honor for indoor 55m hurdles, indoor 55m dash and most recently the outdoor 100m hurdles.

Track & Field

Field Championships in St. Paul, MN last May 23.

Jones, the NCAA's Regional Indoor and Outdoor Athlete of the Year, set her



TIMOTHY M. CASEY/MONTCLARION

MSU's Melissa Jones, owner of the new NCAA 100m hurdles record with her time of 13.91.

MSU names three new coaches

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Hawk campus after serving as MSU's assistant coach of women's soccer from 1995-1996. Most recently, Blair was the head coach of the Kearny Thistle Girl's U-19 Club Soccer team from last November until now, and prior to that position, was the head goalkeeper's coach at the Princeton University Girl's Soccer Camp.

Blair also comes to MSU with significant playing experience, most recently as a member of the New Jersey Wildcats, a semi-professional soccer team of the USISL Women's National League. Blair was also goal keeper on the North Jersey Imperials in 1994, and filled the same role with the Peninsula Aztecs of the Women's Garden State League in 1996.

CHRISTINE D'AMATO, Men's and Women's Cheerleading: A 1995 graduate of Montclair State, D'Amato re-

turns to her alma mater as the head coach for men's and women's cheerleading after a two-year stint as the head cheerleading coach for Franklin Township High School from 1996 through this Spring season. D'Amato was also the captain of the MSU cheerleading squad as an undergraduate from 1993-1995.

ROY HINCHMAN, Strength and Conditioning: Also a graduate of Montclair State, Hinchman received his BS in 1993 in Physical Education, and returns to the MSU campus as the University's third Coordinator of Athletic Strength and Conditioning. Hinchman is currently the owner and president of Pinnacle Personal Training, Inc. in Totowa, NJ, a 2,500 sq. ft. private fitness facility. He also was the head strength and conditioning coach at Ramsey High School from 1996 through this past year.

MSU 1998 Spring Red Hawk Wrap-Ups



SOFTBALL (27-10, 4-4 NJAC) - Starting this season with a team that was very young and small in number, head coach Anita Kubicka lead MSU to a 26-8 regular season record and earned NJAC and NCAA Atlantic Region Tournament births. However, the team's season was cut short with a rained-out regional tournament that sent the top-seeded team, Salisbury State University to the World Series. Montclair State was still honored with four players named as All-Americans- Jerrilyn Acevedo, Wendy Saladino, Sharon Ormsbee, and Tara Wisz - and finished the season ranked in the top 25 by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association.

MEN'S LACROSSE (1-13) - Slowed by injury and inclement weather, men's lacrosse only recorded one win this season, but a bright spot for the Red Hawks was transfer student and "Stick 'em" award recipient at the MSU All Sports Banquet, Brian Bennington, who earned the respect of head coach Doug Alsofrom and fellow players in tangible and intangible ways. Ranked second on the team with 75 ground balls, Bennington consistently looked for ways to motivate himself as well as his teammates as was evidenced by his promise that he and his parents would take the entire squad to a team dinner if the team defeated FDU-Madison - the school from which he transferred. MSU defeated FDU 14-13 for its only win of the season, and the Bennington family made good on its promise later in the season.



WOMEN'S LACROSSE (6-5) The women's lacrosse team started its season with the first ever spring break trip to Florida where it scrimmaged some of the top teams in the contry, including Yale and Hofstra. Second year head coach Andie Whitcomb's decision to stay with the tough early schedule paid off as the team posted one of its best seasons and recorded a four game winning streak, which included impressive wins over Lycoming, PA and Kean University.

TRACK AND FIELD - Under the direction of third year head coach Bennie Benson, freshman Melissa Jones broke the NCAA 100m hurdles record with a 13.91 finish en route to joining sophomore Janice Brenner in earning All-American status at the NCAA 1998 Outdoor Track and Field Championships in St. Paul MN. Jones, the NCAA's Regional Indoor and Outdoor Track Athlete of the year and the New Jersey Athletic Conference's Outstanding Track Athlete award recipient, set her record breaking time in the semi-final race then finished second overall in the finals to earn her third All-American award and qualify for the Junior National team while teammate Brenner finished the 100m hurdles in 14.50 for a sixth place finish and her first All-



MEN'S TENNIS (6-9) While head coach Anthony Shortt was on sick leave, the women's tennis head coach, Brian McLaughlin filled in, and did a solid job with a young team. Men's tennis ended its year with an overall record of 6-9 and finished in third place at the NJAC championships, hosted by Montclair State.



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Baseball falls just short of national title

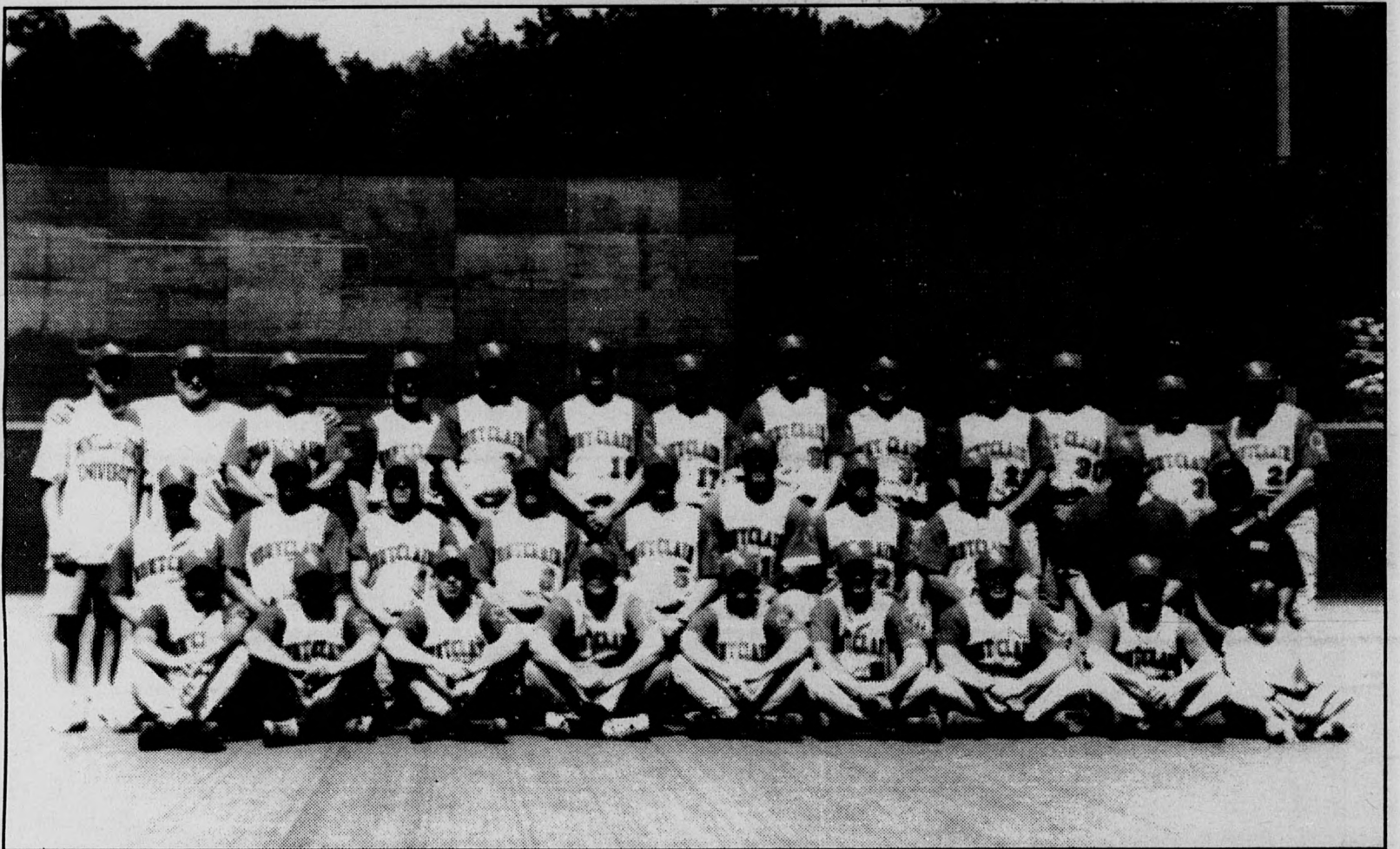
Hawks lose title game to E. Connecticut, finish impressive second overall in nation

Kevin P. Hancock

Editor-In-Chief

For an entire month, only one team could solve the Montclair State University Baseball team. However, that one team cost MSU the honor of being crowned national champions.

The Red Hawks were defeated by Eastern Connecticut State University 16-1 in the NCAA Division III National Championship game on May 27, dashing MSU's title hopes and ending an incredible run by the Hawks, that saw them sweep through the month of May, winning the NJAC, and Mid-Atlantic Regional titles.

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OH SO CLOSE: The 1998 Red Hawks, shown here after winning the '98 Mid-Atlantic Regional Title, had been on an incredible run since May 1, but the Eastern Connecticut State University Warriors proved to be their Achilles' heel defeating them twice in the Division III World Series.

McCorkle selected by Mariners in 7th round of amateur draft

Al Langer

Special to The Montclarion

The dream has come true for Montclair State's first baseman Shawn McCorkle, it just came true a little sooner than expected.

The 6-4, 225-pound lefty swinging first baseman out of Newton High School was selected by the Seattle Mariners in the 7th round of Major League Baseball's amateur draft at approximately 3:15 on Tuesday, June 2. The selection is the second-highest ever for an MSU baseball player, with only two players selected in a higher round in MSU history - John Deutsch

by the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1989, and Dave Kennedy by the California Angels in 1991, both in the 5th round.

“I'm so excited right now I can't even sit down.”

- Shawn McCorkle, MSU First-baseman

For McCorkle, the news was beyond a surprise. "I was absolutely shocked," said the soft spoken MSU junior. "I thought that I had a chance to be selected, but I was thinking more in the range of the 15th to 20th rounds.

I couldn't believe I went so high, and still can't. I'm so excited right now I can't even sit down.

McCorkle was told that by his senior season that he may be an "inside 10-rounds selection" by various scouts and coaches, but not to expect much in this, the end of his junior year. However, the Mariners thought otherwise and now will meet with McCorkle and his family sometime this week to discuss options and a contract for the

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MSU names three new coaches

MSU adds new women's soccer, cheerleading and strength and conditioning coaches

Al Langer

Special to The Montclarion

The Department of Athletics at Montclair State University has named three new head coaches for the upcoming Fall season, it was announced today by Acting Director, Holly Gera.

Eileen Blair was named

head coach of women's soccer, replacing Fernando Barboto; Christine D'Amato was named the head coach of men's and women's cheerleading; and Roy Hinchman was named Coordinator for Athletic Strength Conditioning.

EILEEN BLAIR,

Women's Soccer: The first ever female coach of women's soccer in MSU history. Blair is an honor's graduate of Monmouth University in Long Branch, NJ with a degree in Political Science. She returns to the Red

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Jones breaks hurdles record; joins Brenner in earning All-American status.

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